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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-34, and insert the following new claims:

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35. (New) An isolated virus (RRV) as deposited with ATCC as deposit accession number VR-2601.

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36. (New) A purified virus, having a nucleic acid sequence
(a) shown in SEQ ID NO:1 or
(b) a conservative variant thereof.

37. (New) The purified virus of claim 36, wherein the nucleic acid sequence has at least 95% sequence identity to the nucleic acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1.